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Rubicon, LLC, in Geismar is Ready for Reuse

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Rubicon, LLC, celebrated the completion of a Ready for Reuse project in Geismar today. Rubicon was awarded a determination letter and certificate by DEQ and EPA signifying that a portion of the Rubicon facility in Geismar is Ready for Reuse. A Ready for Reuse Determination is an acknowledgment by both agencies that environmental conditions on the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use.

The Rubicon facility in Geismar is a chemical manufacturing plant located along the east bank of the Mississippi River on Louisiana Highway 73 in Geismar. The property encompassed by this Ready for Reuse Determination consists of the north and south Ponds. These former surface impoundments, with a closed area of approximately 2.75 acres, were used by Rubicon until 1988 as retention ponds for the storage of process wastewaters prior to deepwell injection. Both impoundments have achieved closure and are currently under post-closure monitoring in accordance with Rubicon's Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit.

"Rubicon, LLC, has been steadfast in their work to demonstrate that a clean environment is important to them. This ceremony is a testament to the work many people have put into cleaning up this property while meeting the state and federal guidelines in doing so," said Peggy Hatch, DEQ Secretary. "The Ready for Reuse program brings both an environmental and an economic benefit to the state, as land that was once contaminated can be put back into productive use again."

Carl Edlund, Director of the EPA Region 6 Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, stated, "We are pleased to partner with LDEQ to deem this property Ready for Reuse. One of the key purposes of the Ready for Reuse Determination is to promote redevelopment of properties that might otherwise have remained idle or underused indefinitely."

With this Ready for Reuse Determination, DEQ and EPA Region 6 agree that Rubicon, LLC has successfully completed closure activities, and the environmental conditions at the property are protective of human health and the environment based on their current and planned future commercial and/or industrial uses.

For more information about DEQ's voluntary remediation program, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov or www.epa.gov to learn about EPA's Land Revitalization Action Agenda.